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SUBJ: BENIN GOVT FORMALLY REQUESTS USG TO BUILD COTONOU
SPORTS HALL

1. IN VIEW OF THE ABUSE THAT THE PRB HAS BEEN DISHING OUT TO THE USG RECENTLY, IT STRUCK THE EMBASSY AS HUMOROUS THAT ON JAN 28 IT SHOULD RECEIVE A NOTE FROM THE FORNMINISTRY FORMALLY REQUESTING THE US TO BUILD A SPORTS HALL IN COTONOU TO SEAT 5,000 PERSONS. THE GPRB WISHES CONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPT 76 IN TIME FOR THE FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD HERE THAT MONTH.

2. EMBASSY REPLIED BY NOTE TODAY SAYING THERE WERE NO FUNDS FOR CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION UNDER EXISTING US AID LEGISLATION.

3. GERMAN FED REPUBLIC'S EMBASSY RECEIVED SIMILAR REQUEST, WHICH IT WILL TURN DOWN. FRENCH EMBASSY DID NOT GET AN INVITATION.

4. THE CHINESE HAVE NEVER COME THROUGH ON THEIR 1973 PROMISE TO BUILD A SPORTS STADIUM. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT OF
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THE CUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING WHICH TOOK PLACE THE DAY

AFTER THE NOTE WAS SENT TO US, THE FORNMIN BRIEFED HIS
COLLEAGUES ON "THE STATUS OF CHINESE AID".
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